

Construction of New Airports in Himachal Pradesh

9. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that air services to Kullu, Kangra and Shimla are inadequate and no efforts have been made to increase the air services to these stations to promote tourism in Himachal Pradesh; and

(b) whether Government propose to construct some more airports in Himachal Pradesh to give a boost and encouragement to the tourists to visit the State?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) Operators are free to operate any place in their commercial judgement subject of course to compliance with the Route Dispersal Guidelines which provide for certain minimum operations in specified category of routes. However, at present Indian Airlines is operating 3 scheduled flights/week to/from Kullu, Kangra (Gaggal) and Shimla on the following routes:—

Delhi/Shimla/Kullu/Delhi
Delhi/Gaggal/Delhi

M/s Jagson Airlines Ltd. (a non-scheduled operator) also operate on Delhi/Kullu/Delhi; Delhi/Shimla/Delhi and Delhi/Gaggal/Delhi sectors depending upon traffic demand.

(b) No, Sir. However, Kangra (Gaggal) airport is being developed for operations of ATR-72 class of aircraft.

Poor condition of AI and IA Flights

†10. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that services of Indian Airlines and Air India have been discontinued on many profitable routes due to poor condition of most of their aircrafts; and

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(b) if so, what action plan is being mooted by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Industrial development of Andhra Pradesh

11. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of industries/factories established in Andhra Pradesh as compared to other States during the last three years and till date in view of the needs of economic and industrial development of the State particularly in the backward areas of the State;

(b) whether Government have formulated any new policy to set up industries there on priority basis; and

(c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the steps taken by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN): (a) to (c) Particulars on the percentage of industries set up in the non-SSI sector in the State of Andhra Pradesh as compared to other States during the last three years from January, 1998, till December, 2000 are given in the Statement (*See below*)

Under the liberalised industrial policy, setting up of industries depends upon the commercial judgement of entrepreneur which, in turn, is based on the initiatives taken by the State Government by way of providing basic infrastructural facilities and other incentives. The Central Government supplements the efforts of the State Governments to the extent possible through schemes such as Growth Centre Scheme, Integrated Infrastructure Development Centre Scheme and other incentives.

The Growth Centre Scheme is a major effort to promote industrialisation of backward areas in the country. 805 industrial units